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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS----------.

NARR:

UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA -- CONSIDERED BY MANY TO HAVE FLOUNDERED FOR DECADES IN THE BACKWASH OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY -- MADE FRONT-PAGE NEWS THIS WEEK, AS SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER BEGAN A TWO-WEEK TOUR OF THE REGION. ALARMED AT THE RECENT INTERVENTION BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN ANGOLA, SECRETARY KISSINGER URGED BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON THAT AFRICA BE KEPT FREE OF GREAT-POWER RIVALRY. AND HE WARNED IN PARTICULAR AGAINST OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN THE WHITE-RULED COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, WHERE BLACK NATIONALIST GROUPS ARE SEEKING MAJORITY RULE. AT THE OUTSET OF HIS TRAVELS, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT MAJORITY RULE WOULD DOMINATE THE SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS -- AND IT BECAME JUST AS CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO AID IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE REGION'S PAINFUL AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. (OPT) AT THE CLOSE OF TALKS IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE SAID OF THE INCREASINGLY TENSE BLACK-WHITE CONFRONTATION IN RHODESIA, "THE WAR HAS STARTED. IT IS THEREFORE TOO LATE TO TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS TO PREVENT IT, BUT," THE TANZANIAN LEADER ADDED, "IT CAN BE ENDED. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN STOP

THE WAR," HE SAID, "IS MAJORITY RULE." IN RESPONSE THE SECRETARY OF STATE REPLIED "IF THE WAR HAS STARTED...THEN IT'S CLEAR THAT AT SOME POINT IT WILL HAVE TO BE ENDED BY NEGOTIATIONS." ECHOING THE VIEW OF PRESIDENT FORD, DOCTOR KISSINGER SAID "WHEN WE SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE WE WILL INDICATE SPECIFIC METHODS BY WHICH THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, AND," HE ADDED, "IN WHICH WE CAN PARTICIPATE." (END OPT) IN ZAMBIA, THE SECRETARY MET WITH PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA IN LUSAKA, AND THEN DELIVERED A MAJOR ADDRESS CALLING FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, OUTLINING TEN ELEMENTS OF UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THAT BREAKAWAY BRITISH COLONY. THE FIRST THREE OF THOSE ELEMENTS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE GROUND, IN THE AMERICAN VIEW, FOR COMPROMISE ON THE QUESTION OF MAJORITY RULE.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- KISSINGER -- 1:27

"FIRST, THE UNITED STATES DECLARES ITS SUPPORT IN THE STRONGEST TERMS FOR THE PROPOSALS MADE BY BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN ON MARCH TWENTY-SECOND OF THIS YEAR -- THAT INDEPENDENCE (FOR RHODESIA) MUST BE PRECEDED BY MAJORITY RULE WHICH, IN TURN, MUST BE ACHIEVED NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE EXPEDITIOUS CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS... SECOND, THE SALISBURY REGIME MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT EXPECT UNITED STATES SUPPORT EITHER IN DIPLOMACY OR IN MATERIAL HELP AT ANY STAGE IN ITS CONFLICT WITH AFRICAN STATES OR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT WILL FACE OUR UNRELENTING OPPOSITION UNTIL A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON MAJORITY RULE IS ACHIEVED. THIRD, THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE STEPS TO FULFILL COMPLETELY ITS OBLIGATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO MANDATORY SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. WE WILL URGE THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT, WHICH AUTHORIZES RHODESIAN CHROME IMPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, AN ACT INCONSISTENT WITH UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS."

NARR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN LUSAKA -- WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE PROMISE OF AID TO BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS ECONOMICALLY DAMAGED BY THE SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA -- WAS SHARPLY DENOUNCED JUST HOURS LATER IN A BROADCAST ADDRESS FROM SALISBURY BY

RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH. MISTER SMITH CHARGED THAT THE UNITED STATES POSITION HAD BEEN PRECONCEIVED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF ALL OF THE EVIDENCE. HE SAID DOCTOR KISSINGER HAD FALLEN INTO A TRAP, AND URGED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE COME TO RHODESIA FOR A CLOSER VIEW OF THE SITUATION. THE RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER ALSO CHARGED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN HAD BEEN CAUGHT OFF BALANCE BY THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, AND WERE MOVING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN SALISBURY ONLY TO PREVENT POSSIBLE SOVIET GAINS IN RHODESIA. IN THE SAME BROADCAST, MISTER SMITH ANNOUNCED THAT FOUR BLACK TRIBAL CHIEFS WOULD BE SWORN IN AS CABINET MINISTERS, AND THAT SIX OTHER BLACKS WOULD BE NAMED AS DEPUTY MINISTERS -- IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE IMPROVED REPRESENTATIO FOR BOTH THE BLACK AND WHITE COMMUNITIES IN RHODESIA. HE SAID HIS INITIATIVE WAS OBVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO REMOVE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. BUT MISTER SMITH'S EFFORTS TO GAIN GROUND IN THE CONTINUING BATTLE WITH CRITICS OF HIS RACIAL POLICIES APPEARED TO BE FRUSTRATED BY WEEK'S END -- AS ALL BUT A FEW BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES WELCOMED THE STAND TAKEN BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, AND AS RHODESIAN BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERS VOICED SHARP CRITICISM OF MISTER SMITH'S CABINET-LEVEL INITIATIVE. CALLING THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE TRIBAL CHIEFS NOTHING BUT WINDOW DRESSING, A SPOKESMEN FOR ONE OF THE MORE MODERATE BLACK NATIONALIST FACTIONS SAID IT WOULD ONLY POSTPONE MAJORITY RULE, WHICH HE CALLED INEVITABLE. AND THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SUCH MOVES ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWING DANGER, WHICH, HE SAID, IS THAT WHEN MAJORITY RULE IS ATTAINED, "BLACK-WHITE RELATIONS WILL BE SO POISONED THAT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF WHITES IN RHODESIA."

AS LEADERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TOOK STOCK OF THE UNCERTAIN POLITICAL FUTURE OF THEIR REGION, THE CITIZENS OF A ONE-TIME AFRICAN COLONIAL POWER TOOK ANOTHER STEP TOWARD A SOLUTION TO A POLITICAL CRISIS OF THEIR OWN. PORTUGAL -- WHERE LAST WEEKEND'S ELECTION PRODUCED NO MAJORITY PARTY -- FACED A POSSIBLE DISASTER WHEN THE SECOND-PLACE POPULAR DEMOCRATS THREATENED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PROVISIONAL COALITION GOVERNMENT NOW IN POWER, IF THE FIRST-PLACE WINNING SOCIALIST PARTY TRIED TO FORM A MINORITY GOVERNMENT ON ITS OWN. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF UNCERTAINTY, LEADERS OF THE POPULAR DEMOCRAT PARTY AGREED TO REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT AFTER AN URGENT SESSION WITH PREMIER JOSE PINHEIRO AZEVEDO -- WHO SAID THEIR PRESENCE IN THE PROVISIONAL CABINET WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. POLITICAL LEADERS IN LISBON WERE BREATHING EASIER BY THE WEEKEND, WITH ASSURANCES THAT PORTUGAL WOULD CONTINUE ITS SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIC RULE -- AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE.

THERE WAS MOVEMENT TOWARD DEMOCRATIC REFORM ELSEWHERE ON THE IBERIAN PENINSULA THIS WEEK -- AS SPANISH PRIME MINISTER CAROLS ARIAS NAVARRO ANNOUNCED A TIMETABLE FOR A REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, AND GENERAL ELECTIONS EARLY NEXT YEAR. REJECTING DEMANDS FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE MONARCHY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID NEVERTHELESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FULL RECOGNITION FOR POLITICAL FREEDOMS. COMING IN THE WAKE OF MONTHS OF LABOR DISPUTES, STRIKES AND OCCASIONALLY VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS, THE ANNOUNCED EXPANSION OF DEMOCRATIC GUIDELINES WAS VIEWED WITH INITIAL SKEPTICISM BY BOTH SIDES OF THE SPANISH POLITICAL SPECTRUM. LEFTIST LEADERS COMPLAINED THAT THE REFORMS DID

NOT GO FAR ENOUGH -- AND RIGHTWING ELEMENTS CHARGED THAT THEY GO TOO FAR, DISMANTLING THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BUILT UP DURING THE LONG REIGN OF FRANCISCO FRANCO.

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IN THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK, DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS CONTINUED TO PUSH TOWARD THEIR PARTIES NOMINATIONS. VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS IN PENNSYLVANIA, FOURTH LARGEST STATE IN THE NATION AND A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND THE OUTCOME PRODUCED FEW SURPRISES. PRESIDENT FORD EMERGED VICTORIOUS OVER FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN, WHO HAD NOT CAMPAIGNED IN THE STATE -- AND ON THE DEMOCRATIC BALLOT, FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR JIMMY CARTER WON -- BUT BY A LARGER MARGIN THAN EXPECTED OVER HIS PARTY RIVALS. BUT THE BIGGEST POLITICAL SURPRISE OF THE WEEK CAME ON THURSDAY, WHEN DEMOCRATIC SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY -- THE FAVORITE OF MANY PARTY LOYALISTS AND A THREE-TIME PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE -- ANNOUNCED HE WOULD PASS UP HIS LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE RACE.

TAPE: CUT TWO -- HUMPHREY -- 1:12

"I SHALL NOT ENTER THE NEW JERSEY PRIMARY, NOR SHALL I AUTHORIZE ANY COMMITTEE OR COMMITTEES TO SOLICIT FUNDS OR TO ORGANIZE OR TO WORK ON MY BEHALF. I INTEND TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA. (OPT) I SHALL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT FROM THE FORUM OF THE SENATE AND ON PUBLIC PLATFORMS ON THE ISSUES AS I SEE THEM. I SHALL SERVE THE PARTY, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, IN THE STATUS OF A CITIZEN, A SENATOR AND A NON-CANDIDATE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN NEW YORK IN JULY. AND AS I HAVE SAID IN OTHER DAYS, IF MY PARTY SHOULD NEED ME, OR IF PERCHANCE -- WHICH I THINK IS UNLIKELY -- SHOULD NOMINATE ME, I AM READY AND PREPARED TO SERVE." (END OPT)

NARR:

JUST AS DEMOCRATS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEEN SPECULATING OVER WHETHER OR NOT SENATOR HUMPHREY WOULD RUN, SO HAVE REPUBLICANS SPECULATED OVER THE CHANCES OF FORMER GOVERNOR REAGAN -

WHO HAS CONTINUED TO STEP UP HIS ATTACKS AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD AND WHAT HE SEES AS INADEQUATE UNITED STATES DEFENSE POLICIES. MISTER REAGAN'S INSISTENT CHARGE -- THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS PERMITTED THE UNITED STATES TO FALL BEHIND THE SOVIET UNION IN TERMS OF MILITARY STRENGTH -- DREW AN ANGRY REBUTTAL THIS WEEK FROM THE PRESIDENT, DURING A CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH THE STATE OF TEXAS. MISTER FORD SAID MISTER REAGAN'S APPROACH WAS SIMPLISTIC, AND THAT THE FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR MIGHT MAKE IRRESPONSIBLE POLICY DECISIONS IF ELECTED PRESIDENT.

TAPE: (OPT) CUT THREE -- FORD -- :39

"OBVIOUSLY WE SHOULD EXERCISE GREAT CAUTION BEFORE HEEDING THE WORDS OF A MAN WHO OBVIOUSLY HAS NO EXPERIENCE AND LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEXITY OF DEFENSE MATTERS. WHEN IT COMES TO THE LIFE AND DEATH DECISIONS OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, THE DECISIONS MUST BE THE RIGHT ONES. THERE ARE NO RETAKES IN THE OVAL OFFICE. GLIBNESS IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH -- SUPERFICIALITY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. EVERY SERIOUS CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY MUST BE EQUAL TO THE BURDENS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENCY."

NARR:

WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN BEGAN MONTHS AGO, FORMER GOVERNOR REAGAN, IN CHALLENGING PRESIDENT FORD, REFUSED TO ATTACK EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR HIS ADMINISTRATION. BUT MISTER REAGAN'S CAMPAIGN STRATEGISTS URGED HIM TO WAGE A MORE HEATED BATTLE, AND TO PUT MISTER FORD ON THE DEFENSIVE. POLITICAL OBSERVERS -- AND UNDOUBTEDLY MISTER REAGAN HIMSELF -- HAVE NOTED THAT SINCE THE CHALLENGER HAS SEIZED THE INITIATIVE, THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN TAKEN MORE SERIOUSLY -- BOTH BY REPUBLICAN VOTERS, AND BY THE WHITE HOUSE. AND THIS WEEK,(END OPT) IN RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT FORD'S CHARGES THAT HIS STATEMENTS ON DEFENSE WERE IRRESPONSIBLE, MISTER REGAN REPEATED THOSE CHARGES -- AND INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN HIS CAMPAIGN TACTICS.

TAPE: (OPT) CUT FOUR -- REAGAN -- :28

"IF THE PRESIDENT IS CLAIMING A MONOPOLY ON KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION CONCERNING DEFENSE MATTERS -- I DIDN'T GET MY FIGURES OR MY FACTS OUT OF A CRYSTAL BALL. I DON'T THINK THAT JUST TWENTY MONTHS AS AN APPOINTED PRESIDENT HAS MADE HIM THE ONLY EXPERT IN THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO WHETHER THIS COUNTRY IS IN A STRONG POSITION OR NOT." (END OPT)

NARR:

(OPT) AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN TEXAS, PRESIDENT FORD ONCE AGAIN SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD RETAIN ITS POSITION AS THE WORLD'S FOREMOST MILITARY POWER. AND HE ASSERTED ALSO THAT CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW ARE VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- FORD -- :50

"WE'RE STILL WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY IN TRYING TO FIND AN ANSWER TO THE LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS; WE'RE STILL TRYING TO WORK IN EVERY WAY TO TRY TO KEEP THE LID ON ANY OUTBREAKS (OF VIOLENCE) THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; WE'RE CERTAINLY ENCOURAGED BY THE PURCHASE BY THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY OF THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND METRIC TONS OF CORN AND GRAIN, WHICH I THINK IS AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE LIVING UP TO THE AGREEMENTS THAT WE SIGNED FOR GRAIN SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION. I DON'T DETECT ANY DETERIORATION IN THE CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES." (END OPT)

NARR:

(OPT) AS THE DEBATE CONTINUED OVER SOVIET-AMERICAN MILITARY STRENGTH, SOVIET AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS THIS WEEK WERE ASSESSING THE NEW CIVILIAN DEFENSE MINISTER OF THE SOVIET UNION -- DMITRI USTINOV, SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, AND THE LONG TIME LEADER OF THE SOVIET MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MISTER USTINOV -- WHO WAS GIVEN VOTING STATUS ON THE POLITBURO AND THE RANK OF GENERAL OF THE ARMY -- CAME JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF DEFENSE MINISTER ANDREI GRECHKO. MARSHALL GRECHKO, WHOSE MILITARY CAREER SPANNED THE LENGTH OF SOVIET RULE, WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS DURING WORLD WAR TWO, FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN

THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE MODERN SOVIET ARMY -- AND FOR HIS ABILITY TO RETAIN POWER AND WIN FAVOR DURING A TUMULTUOUS GENERATION OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP -- FROM STALIN, THROUGH KHRUSHCHEV, TO BREZHNEV. (END OPT)

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IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK, THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE -- CHARTERED FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED ABUSES BY AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY -- LIFTED THE CURTAIN TO GIVE THE WORLD A VIEW OF HOW THAT COMMUNITY OPERATES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. AND BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SHOWED THAT BOTH THE C-I-A AND THE F-B-I HAD VIOLATED THE LAW ON HUNDREDS OF OCCASIONS OVER THE YEARS, BY IGNORING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED EITHER BY CONGRESS OR BY THE WHITE HOUSE. RELEASED IN TWO SEGMENTS, THE COMMITTEE REPORT SHOWED THAT OVERSEAS THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAD ROUTINELY CARRIED OUT THOUSANDS OF SECRET PROJECTS, INCLUDING PARA-MILITARY OPERATIONS, MOST OF THEM WITHOUT FORMAL APPROVAL BEYOND THE CIA ITSELF. DOMESTICALLY, HE COMMITTEE CHARGED THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WITH ILLEGALLY MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OVER THE YEARS, THROUGH A SYSTEM THAT INCLUDED WIRETAPPING, ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING AND OPENING PRIVATE MAIL -- AND OF MOUNTING CAMPAIGNS AIMED AT DISCREDITING INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO OPPOSED OFFICIAL POLICY. (OPT) IN CONDEMNING THE COVERT ACTIONS BY UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OVERSEAS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FRANK CHURCH CHARGED THAT THOSE ACTIONS HAD LOWERED AMERICAN STANDARDS.

TAPE: CUT SIX -- CHURCH -- :38

"I THINK THAT COVERT OPERATIONS HAVE DONE THIS COUNTRY MUCH MORE HARM THAN GOOD, AND THAT WHEN WE IMITATE THE RUSSIANS IN OUR DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN PEOPLE, BY RESORTING AS WE HAVE SO OFTEN DONE IN THE PAST, TO BLACKMAIL, BRIBERY, FALSE PROPAGANDA, ABDUCTION AND CONSPIRACY TO MURDER, THAT WE DEMEAN OURSELVES AND BETRAY OUR OWN PRINCIPLES."
(END OPT)

NARR:

IN PRESENTING ITS REPORT, THE COMMITTEE ALSO MADE NUMEROUS RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT PREVENTING SUCH ABUSES IN THE FUTURE -- BUT ALL INITIAL REACTIONS BY KEY LEGISLATORS LEFT SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER ALL OF THE CONTROLS CALLED FOR BY THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ADOPTED. SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DEMANDED THAT A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE BE GIVEN LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY CONTROL OVER AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY -- BUT OTHERS REPLIED THAT SUCH MEASURES WOULD RENDER THAT COMMUNITY USELESS AND INEFFECTIVE. AT WEEK'S END, THE ISSUE REMAINED UNRESOLVED.

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FINALLY THIS WEEK, FROM ANOTHER TIME AND OTHER CONFLICTS CAME THE LIVING GHOST OF RUDOLF HESS, THE ONE-TIME AIDE TO ADOLF HITLER AND THE MOST CELEBRATED PRISONER TO STILL BE IN JAIL FOR CRIMES COMMITTED DURING WORLD WAR TWO. PASSING HIS EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY, HESS CONTINUED TO SPEND THIS WEEK AS HE HAS MANY OTHERS -- AS THE ONLY PRISONER BEHIND THE GREAT STONE WALLS OF SPANDAU PRISON IN BERLIN. FRAIL, SENILE AND NO LONGER A THREAT TO HUMANITY, HESS WAS ONCE AGAIN THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL APPEALS FROM AGENCIES AND RELATIVES CALLING FOR HIS RELEASE. BUT THE SOVIET UNION, CITING WHAT IT CALLED THE BRUTAL CRIMES OF THE HITLER REGIME, SAID THIS WEEK THAT IT WOULD NEVER AGREE TO HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON. AND IN

RESTATING THIS STAND -- A POSITION IT HAS TAKEN FOR YEARS -- MOSCOW ADDED A NEW DEMAND -- THAT ONCE HESS DIES, HIS BODY BE BURIED WITHIN THE WALLS OF SPANDAU.

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(OPT) AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE TOP STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS ----------. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT ----------, WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS, ON "THIS WEEK." (END OPT)

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